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NOTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY OFFICE CLOSURE

All offices of USDA Rural Development will be closed from Tuesday, July 27, through Thursday, July 29, 2004. Rural Development employees will be participating in a statewide training session and not available for regular business. Business will resume as usual on Friday, July 30, 2004.

We regret any inconvenience this office closure may cause. In the event of an emergency, you may call (318) 473-7921 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

USDA Rural Development provides a full range of rural development credit services in rural Louisiana. The Louisiana Rural Development State Office is located at 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, and the telephone number is (318) 473-7921. There are four area offices located throughout the state to serve Louisiana residents. Further information on USDA Rural Development's loan and grant programs can be obtained by visiting Rural Development's web site at: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov.

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